

BDCP Steering Committee Meeting Summary

June 16, 2006

Update:

Finance and Workplan Subcommittees have met and are bringing forward a draft of the workplan and budget.

The Legislature is continuing to work on the budgets for CBDA, DWR, and DFG for activities related to BDCP such as the Delta Vision and CALFED.

Workplan and Budget

The workplan and budget developed as a consensus of the Finance subcommittee were presented. The total expected budget is approximately \$13 million. The detailed budget for the next six months that concentrates on Tasks 1 to 6 but also includes some effort on Tasks 7 through 14 will be developed for the July meeting. This budget will be the subject of a cost-sharing agreement. There were a number of questions about the budget and workplan. The steering committee generally supported moving forward with the budget as a guiding document.

Planning Agreements

The general contents of planning agreement were discussed as well as the level of detail needed. The applicants were asked to work with the template provided by DFG previously to bring a rough draft by the next meeting. A planning agreement subgroup would be formed at this next meeting to begin working with the draft agreement. The goal would be to have the planning agreement completed this summer.

Covered Activities

Flood control was discussed and the steering committee was willing to consider it as a covered activity. The level of specificity used to describe which flood control activities was discussed but a consensus wasn't reached. An action item was to coordinate with the existing task force working on flood control permitting. Other potential covered activities could include additional research or monitoring that might require take authorization as well as projects to improve drinking water quality or water supply reliability. Activities along the California Aqueduct were discussed but the HCP that has been under development to cover these activities might be close to completion so they wouldn't need to be included.

List of species

The committee was interested in keeping the BDCP focused on species that are impacted by the covered activities, especially aquatic species.. Criteria to narrow the list of species were discussed and will need to be developed as the planning agreement is developed. Non-native game species were generally not expected to be included but DFG and others would coordinate the activities under the BDCP with the broader management efforts.

Geographic Scope

Two maps were distributed, one showing the primary and secondary zones of the Delta and the other showing the focus area for the Multi-Species Conservation Strategy done on the CALFED ROD which covers the Central Valley up to the existing foothill reservoirs.. The committee discussed some specific areas like the Feather River basin and the Suisun Marsh where there are likely to be activities that need to be covered. The geographic scope described in the planning agreement will be influenced by the covered activities and covered species and will likely be some hybrid between the two maps.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be July 14. Topics will include:

- Working draft of the planning agreement
- Goals and objectives statement
- Covered species and activities
- Geographic scope